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In re the Application of: ITOH, Akio

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Group Art Unit: 2815

Examiner: Matthew Warren

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 26, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **July 29, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on pages 2-4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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